

R277. Education, Administration.

R277-502. Educator Licensing and Data Retention.

R277-502-4. License Levels, Procedures, and Periods of Validity.

A. An initial license, the Level 1 license, is issued to an individual who is recommended by a Board-approved educator preparation program or approved alternative preparation program, or an educator with a professional educator license from another state.

(1) LEAs and educator preparation institutions shall cooperate in preparing candidates for the educator Level 1 license. The resources of both may be used to assist candidates in preparation for licensing.

(2) The recommendation indicates that the individual has satisfactorily completed the programs of study required for the preparation of educators and has met licensing standards in the license areas of concentration for which the individual is recommended.

(3) The Level 1 license is issued for three years.

(4) An educator shall satisfy all requirements of R277-522, Entry Years Enhancements (EYE) for Quality Teaching - Level 1 Utah Teachers.

(5) An educator shall satisfy all federal requirements for an educator license prior to moving from Level 1 to Level 2.

(6) A license applicant who has received or completed license preparation activities or coursework inconsistent with this rule may present compelling information and documentation for review and approval by the USOE to satisfy the licensing requirements.

B. A Level 2 license may be issued by the Board to a Level 1 license holder upon satisfaction of all USOE requirements for the Level 2 license and upon the recommendation of the employing LEA.

(1) The recommendation shall be made following the completion of three years of successful, professional growth and educator experience, satisfaction of R277-522, Entry Years Enhancements (EYE) for Quality Teaching - Level 1 Utah Teachers, any additional requirements imposed by the employing LEA, and before the Level 1 license expires.

(2) A Level 2 license shall be issued for five years and shall be valid unless suspended or revoked for cause by the Board.

(3) The Level 2 license may be renewed for successive five year periods consistent with R277-501, Educator Licensing Renewal.

(4) A Level 2 license holder shall satisfy all federal requirements for an educator license holder prior to renewal after June 30, 2006 to remain highly qualified.

C. A Level 3 license may be issued by the Board to a Level 2 license holder who has achieved National Board Professional Teaching Standards Certification or who holds a current Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), or who holds a doctorate in the educator's field of practice.

(1) A Level 3 license is valid for seven years unless suspended or revoked for cause by the Board.

(2) The Level 3 license may be renewed for successive seven year periods consistent with R277-501.

(3) A Level 3 license may be renewed if the holder maintains

National Board Professional Teaching Standards Certification status or maintains a current Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.

D. Licenses expire on June 30 of the year of expiration recorded on CACTUS and may be renewed any time after January of that year. Responsibility for securing renewal of the license rests solely with the holder.

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